



# Flash Flood Safety Information

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## When Floodwaters Cover the Road, Back Up!

Flooding is the most common cause of weather-related deaths in Texas. As little as six inches of water can knock adults off their feet. Vehicles aren't safe either. When drivers see water across a road, they need to back away and choose a different route. Never drive through water on a road.

- During periods of heavy rain, stay away from streambeds, drainage ditches, and culverts.
- Never drive your car into water of unknown depth. Most flash flood deaths occur when people drive their vehicles into flood waters. Never go around barricades!
- Be especially cautious at night, when it is harder to recognize flood dangers.
- If your vehicle stalls, abandon it and immediately seek higher ground. Flood water may rise very quickly and could cover the vehicle or sweep it away.
- Water is a very powerful force and should never be underestimated.

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